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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT : 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
DEATH OF LENIN

REF : BELGRADE 0287

1. ALL YUGOSLAV MEDIA DEVOTE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO  
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF V.I. LENIN. EDIT IN JAN. 21  
ISSUE OF LCY ORGAN KOMUNIST PRAISES TEACHINGS OF  
LENIN AS "INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION, INCENTIVE AND  
ENCOURAGEMENT" IN STRUGGLE FOR WORKING CLASS IDEAS,  
AND IN DEVELOPMENT OF "SOCIALIST SOCIETY OF SELF-GOVERNMENT."  
SIMILARLY, BELGRADE DAILY BORBA OFFERS FRONT-PAGE  
JAN 21 EDIT BY PROFESSOR MIROSLAV PECUJLIC, STATING THAT  
WITH IDEAS OF LENIN, AND TITO, YUGOSLAVIA HAS BUILT ITS  
OWN "ROAD OF DEVELOPMENT," PRESERVED ITS OWN IDENTITY,  
AND OFFERED "OUR CONTRIBUTION, OUR SHARE, TO WORLD  
SOCIALIST MOVEMENT, OF WHICH WE ARE ORGANIC PART."

2. LEADING BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA JAN. 20 INCLUDED  
SPECIAL 12-PAGE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT ON LIFE AND WORK OF  
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LENIN. FOR PAST WEEK, YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS CARRIED

SERIALIZED TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS TO SOVIET IDEOLOGUE  
AND REVOLUTIONARY. BELGRADE TV JAN 20 FEATURED DOCUMENTARY  
FILM REPORT ON LIFE AND TIMES OF LENIN.

3. COMMENT: AT ANNUAL SECINFO PARTY FOR FOREIGN PRESS  
FRIDAY NIGHT, BUDIMOVSKI AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA  
REPRESENTATIVES POINTED TO TIMING OF RELEASE SOLZHENITSYN'S  
"GULAG" JUST BEFORE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AS MAJOR  
REASON FOR YUGOSLAV NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON IT. IMPLICATION,  
WHICH ALSO CARRIED IN MEDIA (REFTEL), IS THAT TIMING RELEASE  
WAS CONSIDERED AS DELIBERATE PART OF HOSTILE EFFORT TO DISCREDIT  
LENIN AND SOCIALISM.  
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